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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3206
INFO AMEMBASSY SANAA

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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF HHE, DAMASCUS/SANAA, LEE, GARY E.

REF: STATE 037250

1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SHIP LEE'S HHE VIA AIR FOR
FOLLOWING REASONS.

2. EMBASSY DAMASCUS EXPERIENCED MANY DIFFICULTIES WHEN
AMBASSADOR SCOTES' HHE WAS SHIPPED BY TRUCK. THESE
INCLUDED LACK OF TRUCKS OR DRIVERS WHO WERE WILLING
TO GO TO SANAA, POOR ROAD CONDITIONS FROM JIDDA TO SANAA,
AND ALSO VERY HIGH COST FOR TRUCK AND DRIVER WHEN DAMASCUS
FINALLY (TWO WEEK DELAY) FOUND TRUCK AND DRIVER WHO WAS
WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE JOURNEY.

3. EVEN THOUGH MRS. SCOTES PERSONALLY SUPERVISED PACKING
AND EVERY PRECAUTION WAS TAKEN TO BE SURE THAT ALL FRAGILE
HHE WAS PROTECTED, THERE WAS BREAKAGE AND DAMAGE.

4. FINALLY BUT MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS COST.
BASED ON MAXIMUM SHIPMENT (3600 LBS NET) BELOW IS
A COST COMPARISON:

A) VIA SURFACE
PACKING CHARGE \$420
COST OF LIFT VAN \$625
TRUCK COST \$2200 (BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE)
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TOTAL \$3245

B) VIA AIR FREIGHT

PACKING CHARGE	\$420
BANDING AND BURLAP	\$200
TRANSPORTATION TO DAMASCUS AIRPORT	\$110
AIR FREIGHT DAMASCUS/SANAA	\$2000 (\$1.25/KILO)
TRANSPORTATION FROM SANAA AIRPORT	\$140
TOTAL	\$2870

THIS IS ESTIMATED COST BUT IS BASED ON ACTUAL EXPERIENCE
AND QUOTES FROM PACKERS, TRUCK COMPANY, AND AIRLINE.

5. AIR SHIPMENT IS POSSIBLE ON WEEKLY DIRECT DAMASCUS/
SANAA FLIGHT VIA SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES.

6. BASED ON ABOVE REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT AMEND ORDERS
TO ALLOW AIR SHIPMENT OF HHE.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.
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